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APPENDIX B.
INTERPELLATIONS.

The Mysore Representative Assembly.

DASARA SESSION, 1921.

INTERPELLATIONS.

MR. S. SITARAMIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) What is the total establishment charges and other items of expenditure incurred in the Mysore-Arsikere Railway for the past three years, viz.,—1918-19, 1919-20 and 1920-21, and what is the total income in each year?

(b) Whether any complaints have been received about the fraud that is being committed in that line in the matter of collecting fares from travellers and other charges? If so, how many? Whether all or any of the complaints have or has been enquired into and disposed of? If so, what was the result or results thereof?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(a) The total expenditure incurred in working the Mysore-Arsikere Railway during the last three years is:—

1918-19		Rs. 4,10,076
1919-20		Rs. 3,48,053
1920-21		Rs. 3,89,568

The total receipts during those years are:—

1918-19		Rs. 3,99,338
1919-20		Rs. 5,11,067
1920-21		Rs. 4,95,406

The figures for 1920-21 may require some slight modification when the accounts of the year have been finally closed.

(b) Three complaints have been received by the Agent. Two have been disposed of and one is still under-enquiry. In one, the complaint was proved and the railway servant at fault was reduced in pay and grade and transferred to another section. In the second, the complaint was found to be malicious. The third case requires further evidence and the Agent is in communication with the complainants on the subject.

MR. S. SITARAMIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) What is the total amount of expenditure till now incurred on the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway Project from the commencement including the Survey charges, etc., incurred by the late Engineer, Mr. Arunachala Iyer?

(b) What was the total estimate of the Project in the beginning when it was proposed as a narrow gauge line and how much it came to after it was altered into metre gauge?

(c) When is the work likely to be resumed and continued?

(d) Whether the line would be continued up to Sagar and Thirthahalli via. Riponpet and Humchadakatte respectively?

(e) If so, what is the time by which the line is likely to be completed?

(f) If not, how is it proposed to secure the full benefit of the line?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(a) Rs. 3,34,305.

(b) The original rough estimate of the cost of a line on the 2 feet 6 inches gauge came to Rs. 30,000 a mile or a total of Rs. 8,10,000 for the 27 miles between Shimoga and Arasalu. At present owing to enhanced prices, the cost would be about double.

Under present conditions the cost on the metre gauge is estimated at Rs. 22,50,000.

(c), (d), (e) and (f) It is not possible to say, at present, when conditions will improve sufficiently to permit the construction of the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway being resumed or further extensions being put in hand.

MR. P. VENKAPPIAH, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD.—

Q.—3. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is not the intention of the Government that our own young Engineers should be put under apprenticeship in the Bhadravati Iron Works so that they may learn the work and be in a position to supervise and handle the work carried on there in course of time?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken in the direction of training our men there and how many of our Engineers have been deputed to undergo training?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to make adequate arrangements to send, at least one or two Engineer Officers every year to the Bhadravati Iron Works to learn work?

(d) Are the Government aware of the fact that appointments are being given indiscriminately to men having no proper qualifications in the affairs of Iron Works of Bhadravati on very fat salaries?

(e) Have the Government given absolute powers to the Company for entertaining hands on the clerical staff?

(f) When competent hands are available within the State, why should not the Government arrange for the entertainment of such people?

(g) Will the Government enquire into the competency of the existing staff and whether they deserve the high salary they are now getting?

(h) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they enquired into the recent damage by fire at the Iron Works at Bhadravati and what the extent of damage is and what steps have been taken to deal with the persons who are responsible for this?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) Yes. It is.

(b) and (c) The agreement with the Agents provides for the training of local men as apprentices to be ultimately employed in the several branches of the Iron Works. The Government have now under active consideration the question of training local men and are taking steps to avail themselves of the newly opened Technological Institute at Jamshedpur to train a few Engineering students from Mysore.

(d) It is not a fact that appointments are made indiscriminately or of men having no proper qualifications.

(e) and (f) The Company have the right to make all appointments on the clerical staff subject to limits and scales fixed by Government. It is not considered desirable that Government should interfere in this matter.

(g) Attention is invited to answers to (d), (e) and (f) above.

(h) Yes. Electrical goods of the value of Rs. 42,130 have been damaged by accidental fire. Steps have been taken to prevent the recurrence of similar damage by providing against risks by fire, etc. As the accident was not due to negligence on the part of any employee, it is not possible to hold any one responsible for the loss.

MR. T. SYED KHAJA PEERAN SAB, MUSLIM ASSOCIATION, TARIKERE.—

Q.—4. Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) How many tanks draw their supplies from Kalhatti Channel of Tarikere Taluk?

(b) Under what tanks crops have been reaped by getting their supplies from the said channel?

(c) Has any remission of assessment been granted to any holder of lands under such tanks for not raising the crop for want of water?

If no remission has been granted under these circumstances, what are the reasons for not doing so?

(d) When are contribution recovered from the raiyats holding lands under Sunnadahalli tank of Dornal village?

(e) Why is it that the channel for the tank has not till now been opened?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) Six.

(b) (1) Ramanaikanakere.

(2) Chikkere.

(3) Doddakere.

(4) Chikkatur tank.

(5) Sitapur tank.

(6) Dalavoykere.

(c) No. There was no failure of crop reported and therefore the question of remission does not arise.

(d) In the year 1912-13.

(e) This question was taken up after the excavation of the Kalhatti channel was completed recently. For feeding the Sunnadahalli tank, some subsidiary works are to be undertaken. Action is being taken in the matter in the Public Works Department in consultation with the Revenue Department.

MR. M. H. NARAIN RAO, MOLAKALMURU TALUK.—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) In how many Taluk Boards non-official Vice-Presidents have been appointed, of whom how many were elected and how many nominated?

(b) Why the Taluk Boards have not been entrusted with higher powers as has been done in the case of Municipalities?

(c) Is it under contemplation to grant such higher powers. If so, from what date?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) Non-official Vice-Presidents have been appointed for 61 Taluk Boards. Of these 56 are elected and 5 are nominated.

(b) and (c) The question is not clear. If it refers to delegation of powers of expenditure, the matter is under consideration.

MR. M. H. NARAIN RAO, MOLAKALMURU TALUK.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) When the construction of the new A.-V. School building at Molakalmuru was sanctioned?

(b) What is the reason for not completing the building as yet?

(c) Are Government aware of the inconvenience caused to girls' education by not completing the new A.-V. School building earlier and vacating the old one for the use of the Girls' School?

(d) In what time the new building may be expected to be completed?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) Sanctioned in April 1916.

(b), (c) and (d) Government will enquire into the matter.

MR. G. RAMASWAMIENGAR, HASSAN TALUK.—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The population of Brahmins in the State?

(b) The amount of land revenue paid by Brahmins?

(c) The population of Non-Brahmins in the State? and

(d) The amount of land revenue paid by Non-Brahmins?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) and (c) According to the Census of 1911 the population of Brahmins is 193,137 out of a total population of 5,705,359. The figures of the Census of 1921 are not yet ready.

(b) and (d) The information is not available and it is not possible to collect the same, as the prescribed village accounts do not give particulars of the community of the holders of land.

MR. G. RAMASWAMIENGAR, HASSAN TALUK.—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The reason why the Government order enhancing the *potgi* and contingent charges of *Shanbhogs* by 50 per cent was not given effect to till now?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—Preliminary statements for revising the *potgi* in accordance with the Government order are being prepared in the Survey Department and the Superintendent of Revenue Survey has been asked to expedite the matter.

MESSRS. SURYANARAYANA RAO AND H. RAMANNA, TUMKUR TALUK.—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state the revenue derived from Brahmins under the following heads :—

(a) Land Revenue Assessment?

(b) *Jodi*?

(c) *Mohatarfa*?

Talukwar or Hobliwar details may kindly be furnished.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The members' attention is invited to the answers to Interpellation No. 7.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA AND G. K. GURAPPA, TIPTUR TALUK.—

Q.—10. (a) What is the number of Joint-Stock Companies in the State?

(b) How many of these are in working order?

(c) How many companies have been inspected by Government and what is the action taken upon the shortcomings noticed?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) 101.

" (b) 82.

" (c) 30 companies have been inspected by the Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies who has given instructions "wherever necessary to remedy" existing defects.

MR. T. G. NAGAPPA, TURUVEKERE SUB-TALUK.—

Q.—11. (a) Is the Government aware that pay is being disbursed to compulsory-School Masters in places which though declared to have come under the compulsory primary education area, schools have not been actually started?

(b) In how many cases, is such needless expenditure incurred and what is the total amount so paid?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(a) and (b) No pay is disbursed to School Masters in areas brought under the Compulsory Education Regulation except when they are working in a school which has already been started, or when they are doing preliminary organizing work connected with the starting of a new school. No instances where Government funds are not put to proper use have come to the notice of the Inspector-General of Education.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—12. Out of the land revenue realised by the Government at present, how much is being paid by Brahmins and how much by non-Brahmins?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The attention of the member is invited to the answer to interpellation No. 7.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—13. The question of contribution towards the restoration of minor tanks having been discussed, the Government were pleased to observe that rules

would be framed to reduce the raiyats' share of the contribution, from one-third to one-fourth cost. Have the Government passed any orders on the subject? Why are tanks classified as Major and Minor? Is there any difference between the assessments, fixed on the lands, under the Major and Minor tanks respectively? In fact, is it not the Minor tanks that deserve better care and supervision?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The matter is still under consideration. The member is referred to pages 311-318 of the Land Revenue Manual (New Edition).

MR. KERE KRISHNAPPA, GUDIBANDA SUB-TALUK.—

Q.—14. (a) Has it come to the notice of Government, that during the Re-survey and Settlements, the Survey Department, has, in contravention of the Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 341, dated 11th February 1875, levied Irrigation Cess, at the rate of one anna, on the assessment on wet and garden lands?

(b) Has the aforesaid notification, issued by the Chief Commissioner, been in force now?

(c) Have the Government issued any orders, in accordance with their observations, made in this behalf, when the subject was brought forward for discussion, in previous Sessions, as noted below:—

Subject No. 168, October 1917.

Subject No. 12, Birthday Session, 1918.

Subject No. 17, Dasara Session, 1919.

(d) Will the Government be pleased to stay the levy of this Cess pending final orders of Government?

(e) What is the total amount recovered till now by the levy of Irrigation Cess, in the re-surveyed taluks and how much has been spent out of it, and for what purposes?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) to (d). The question of discontinuing the levy of a separate Irrigation Cess on purely rainfed wet and garden lands has been under the consideration of Government for some time past. The revision of the rules in this respect has been held in abeyance owing to financial stringency.

(e) Particulars regarding the amount collected on account of Irrigation Cess from 1875 are not available and cannot, therefore, be furnished.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY, ADI DRAVIDA ABHIVRIDDI SANGHAM, BANGALORE.—

Q.—15. I. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The number of Panchamas in the superior service of Government on the 31st December 1919 or 1920.

(b) The number of Panchama students who passed the Lower Secondary and higher examinations during 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.

(c) The special instructions if any issued for the grant of appointments to members of Depressed classes.

(d) The number of Panchamas on the several popular institutions in the State, viz.:

(i) The Representative Assembly,

(ii) The Legislative Council,

(iii) Ninety Municipal Councils,

(iv) The eight Districts and seventy-seven Taluk Boards,

(v) The Economic Development Board and its constituent Boards,

(vi) The Senate of the Mysore University.

(e) The number of Panchamas included in the electoral lists of the Representative Assembly, the Municipal Councils and the Local Boards.

(f) The proportion of the members and of the voters to the total Panchama population in the State or in each local area, as the case may be.

(g) Whether the Government are aware of the great hardship caused to the Panchamas of Komarahalli, Mandya Taluk, by their being prevented from taking water from the village tank, when other sources of water-supply fail.

(h) The several communities other than Panchamas comprising the population of the village.

(i) Whether any orders exist preventing either sections of the community domineering over the Panchamas in this manner generally or in this Panchama village.

(j) The number of *darkhasts* from Panchamas granted in the State in accordance with the preference promised in Revenue Commissioner's Circular No. C. 4647—Gl., dated 17th May 1919.

(i) The extent so granted, and

(ii) The number of *darkhasts* still pending disposal and the earliest date from which they are pending.

II. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the annual progress reports on the working of the Panchama Hostels in Tumkur and Chikmagalur since their starting to the end of June 1921.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—I. (a) The total number of Panchamas in the superior service of the Government on the 31st December 1920 was 72.

(b) A statement furnishing the information required is placed on the table. (Appendix A.)

(c) The member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 1827-80—E.A.G. 308, dated 16th May 1921, passing orders on the Report of the Miller Committee.

(d) (i) One.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) and (iv) The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and will be placed on the table when received.

(v) Nil.

(vi) Nil.

(e) and (f) The information is not available as the electoral lists of these bodies are prepared on the basis of the tax paid.

(g) and (h) The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner and the matter will be enquired into.

(i) No.

(j) A copy of the Circular No. C. 4647—Gl., dated 17th May 1919, issued by the Revenue Commissioner is placed on the table, from which it will be seen that no preference has been promised to be shown in the case of *darkhasts* from Panchamas. (Appendix B.)

(i) and (ii) It is not possible to furnish the information required by the member, as the Taluk *Darkhast* Registers do not show the community of the *darkhastdar*.

II. There are no Panchama Hostels at Tumkur or Chickmagalur. There are however Panchama Boarding Schools in both the places. (Copies of the latest annual reports of those institutions will be furnished to the member.)

MR. D. S. HANUMANTHA RAO, DEVANAHALLI TALUK.—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) The charge on account of the establishment maintained for the purpose of effecting repairs to minor tanks in each of the Districts in the State since the introduction of the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme.

(b) The number of tanks repaired and the cost incurred therefor.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) A statement giving the information asked for for 20 years from 1893-4 to 1913-14 as far as is available will be furnished to the member.

(b) (1) 3,437.

(2) Rs. 12,92,933.

MR. C. NARAHARAIYA, NELAMANGALA TALUK.—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether it has come to their notice that the decision to take up as a famine work, the construction of a dam across the Kumudavati River near Gabboor in the Nelamangala Taluk has made the owners of lands liable to submersion,

entertain fears about extending their villages, improving their lands and effecting transfers of such lands and these circumstances have brought about deterioration in the value of such lands and unsettled the minds of the raiyats?

(b) whether the non-execution of the work for such a long interval without striking it off of the list of sanctioned works will not cause discouragement to the holders of these lands, and

(c) whether the work is to be taken up in the near future or whether it is to be finally given up?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a), (b) and (c). The attention of the members is invited to the Standing Orders on the subject of Famine Relief Programmes printed at pages 5-10 Sections 17-30 of Mysore Famine Code of 1909. If the inclusion of this work which is reported to be unremunerative and not likely to be taken up in the near future in the famine relief programme, causes inconvenience to the raiyats, Government have no objection to strike it off the list.

MR. VENKATRAMANA SASTRI, CHAMARAJANAGAR TALUK.—

Q.—18. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

Is a sufficient number of text books printed by Government available for purchase by school boys? How many copies of each of these text-books were ordered to be printed last year? What are the names of the text-books that have been fully sold out? Has the Central book Depot been supplying books to the Branch Book Depots as they are asked? Are Government aware that outside booksellers sell the text-books for double their proper price? What step have Government taken to put an end to this trouble?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Sufficient number of copies of text-books are printed. A statement showing the information as to the number of copies of books printed last year and the books completely sold out will be furnished to the member. The supply of books to the Branch Depots is limited to stock worth Rs. 250 at a time but books are supplied up to the maximum limit. If cases of hardship under the existing arrangement are brought to notice, Government will take suitable action.

MESSRS. E. KRISHNAPPA AND V. BANDIAH, NANJANGUD TALUK; MR. K. VENKATASAMI IYYA, MYSORE DISTRICT BOARD; AND MR. K. V. NARAYANA RAO, NANJANGUD MUNICIPALITY.

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) What is the rate of *potgi* prescribed by the Government when the system of *potgi* was introduced in the State?

(b) On what basis, this rate was prescribed?

(c) If it was on seasonal condition, is it not necessary, as the times have changed, to enhance the rate of *potgi* to the Village Officers?

(d) Are all the Village Officers enjoying the benefit of Inam lands? if not, why?

(e) Has the Government passed any orders on the last year's resolutions of the Shanbhogs' Conference particularly regarding the *potgi* question?

(f) Will it be convenient to place the orders on the table?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(a) to (d) The attention of the member is invited to the Standing Orders and Regulations on the subject.

(e) and (f) The attention of the member is invited to the answer to interpellation No. 8.

MR. NAGARAJIAH, JAINA EDUCATION FUND ASSOCIATION.—

Q.—20. I. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) How many are the Jain temples that are under the care and management of the Muzrai Department?

(b) How many are the temples that possess landed property to support them? and

(c) The number of temples to which the Government have been giving monthly grants.

II. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) How many are the temples whose landed property they have sold by public auction during the last six years? and

(b) How many among them have been given monthly grants and how many not?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.—

A.—I. (a) 93.

(b) 67.

(c) 31.

II. (a) 1.

(b) 1.